

**MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2017
CITY OF HEARNE COUNCIL MEETING**

The Hearne City Council meeting was called to order on May 16, 2017 at 6:02 p.m. Councilmembers present were Mayor Ruben Gomez, Emmett Aguirre, Rodrick Jackson, and Margaret Salvaggio. Not present were Councilmembers Shirley Jackson and Martha Castilleja. A quorum was present.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items & Agenda Items - None

The canvassing of the May 2017 City of Hearne Election was read by Mr. Ray Rodriguez, Robertson County Elections Administrator. The results were as follows: The Election for Mayor: Ruben Gomez - 662 and Milton Johnson - 479. The Election for Councilperson Place 3: Ola Foster-Redmon - 403 and Emmett Aguirre 734. The Election for Councilperson Place 5: Shirley Washington Harris - 383 and LaShunda E. White - 742. Councilmember Emmett Aguirre made the motion to declare the results of the Hearne City Elections official. Councilmember Salvaggio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Linda Pecina, City Secretary and Notary Public swore in the candidates. Ruben Gomez was sworn in as Mayor/Councilmember Place 1. Emmett Aguirre was sworn in as Councilmember Place 3. LaShunda E. White was sworn in as Councilmember Place 5.

Mayor Gomez, Councilmember Aguirre, and Councilmember White each thanked everyone for their votes and support and gave a brief speech. Councilmember LaShunda E. White took her place on Council as Councilmember Place 5.

The Minutes from Council Meeting of September 20, 2016; Special Council Meeting of September 26, 2017; Council Meeting of October 18, 2016; Council Meeting of November 1, 2016; Council Meeting of November 15, 2016; Council Meeting of December 06, 2016; Council Meeting of January 03, 2017; Council Meeting of January 17, 2017; Council Meeting of February 07, 2017; Council Meeting of February 21, 2017; Council Meeting of March 07, 2017; Council Meeting of March 21, 2017; Council Meeting of April 04, 2017; and Council Meeting of April 18, 2017 were approved. With no corrections or additions to the minutes, Councilmember Aguirre made the motion to approve the minutes on Agenda Item 3(a) from a period beginning September 20, 2016 and ending April 18, 2017. Councilmember Salvaggio seconded the motion. Motion passed. Four for—Salvaggio, Gomez, Aguirre and White. One against—Jackson.

The Bills Paid December 01, 2016 through December 15, 2016; December 16, 2017 through December 31, 2016; January 01, 2017 through January 12, 2017; January 13, 2017 through January 31, 2017; February 01, 2017 through February 16, 2017; February 17, 2017 through February 28, 2017; March 01, 2017 through March 18, 2017;

March 19, 2017 through March 31, 2017; April 01, 2017 through April 15, 2017; April 16, 2017 through April 30, 2017; and May 1, 2017 through May 12, 2017 were approved. Councilmember Salvaggio made the motion to approve Agenda 3(b) Bills Paid from December 01, 2016 through May 12, 2017. Councilmember White seconded the motion. Motion passed. Four for—Salvaggio, Gomez, Aguirre and White. One against—Jackson.

Councilmember Aguirre made the motion to approve the Ordinance amending Article 1.02 City Council, Division 2. Meetings, Section 1.02.031 “Rules Established”, Subsection (b) (Procedures) regarding Policies and Procedures for setting the Agenda, Responsibility of preparation and correction of minutes, and establishing an effective. Councilmember White seconded the motion. Motion passed. Four for—Salvaggio, Gomez, Aguirre and White. One against—Jackson.

Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve the established resolution for the preferred method of communication between the City Council and the City Staff, and that the Resolution would also include by 10:00 Friday morning. Councilmember Salvaggio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Aguirre made the motion to approve the Ordinance for the 3% raise for employee salaries. Councilmember White seconded the motion. Motion passed. Four for—Salvaggio, Gomez, Aguirre, and White. One against—Jackson.

Councilmember White made a motion to set a Workshop for Council selection of finalists for the position of City Attorney and finalization of the interview process for May 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Aguirre seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Aguirre made the motion to allow Brazos Valley WiFi to provide internet for the City of Hearne contingent upon the approval of the contract. Councilmember White seconded the motion. Motion passed. Four for—Salvaggio, Gomez, Aguirre and White. One against—Jackson.

Councilmember Aguirre made the motion to allow Interim City Manager John Naron to hire a local Attorney to review the contract/lease agreement between Brazos Valley WiFi and the City of Hearne, and that the contract be brought back before City Council for final approval. Councilmember White seconded the motion. Motion passed. Four for—Salvaggio, Gomez, Aguirre and White. One against—Jackson.

Councilmember Aguirre made the motion to adopt the Resolution to designate authorized signators for the 2016 Texas CDBG Program Contract 7216210. Councilmember Salvaggio seconded the motion. Motion passed. Four for—Salvaggio, Gomez, Aguirre and White. One against—Jackson.

Councilmember Aguirre made the motion to approve the Resolution adopting required CDBG Civil Rights Policies. Councilmember White seconded the motion. Motion passed. Four for—Salvaggio, Gomez, Aguirre and White. One against—Jackson.

Councilmember Aguirre made the motion to approve the Proclamation of April as Fair Housing Month. Councilmember White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve the bid on the property described as the south one-half of Lot 2, Block 302, Original Townsite, City of Hearne, Robertson County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof; recorded in Volume 1, Page 5, Map Records of Robertson County, Texas (080000-014740) received from Adrian Thomas in the amount of \$220.00. Councilmember Salvaggio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

City Manager's Update:

- 1. Interim City Manager John Naron briefed the Council on the transmission operator progress. ERCOT is requesting the City of Hearne to have a transmission operator. He would like to set a workshop in the next couple of weeks to meet with Schneider Engineering and LCRA to make a presentation on a solution.**
- 2. Interim City Manager John Naron requested permission to set the date for the State of our City Presentation. This would include some of the City's operations such as the Waste Water Treatment Plant, a GIS system for the water infrastructure, etc.**
- 3. Interim City Manager John Naron put out a call for volunteers for Type B Board Members and P&Z Board Members. They are looking for four members for the Type B Board.**
- 4. Interim City Manager John Naron also gave an update on the 2016 CDBG Grant. This is the grant for the steel storage reservoir.**

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items – None.

Councilmember Jackson left the Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. during the City Manager's Update due to another meeting conflict. Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

**MINUTES OF MAY 30, 2017
CITY OF HEARNE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The Hearne City Special Council meeting was called to order on May 30, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Councilmembers present were Mayor Ruben Gomez, Martha Castilleja, Rodrick Jackson, Margaret Salvaggio, and LaShunda White. Councilmember Emmett Aguirre was absent. A quorum was present.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items & Agenda Items – None

Councilmember Castilleja made the motion to approve the Resolution to satisfy the GATX request for a promise by the City of Hearne to fulfill all necessary requirements should they agree to become a power customer of the City of Hearne. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Council went into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. to meet in a closed session to deliberate upon the appointment of a law firm to serve as Attorneys for the City of Hearne, Texas as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

Council resumed into Open Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss and/or take action on a motion to appoint a law firm to serve as City Attorney for the City of Hearne.

Councilmember Castilleja made the motion to hire Mr. Floyd Martin Akers as the City Attorney. Councilmember Salvaggio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.